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Docket No.: 614.1948

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi SHINZAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/271,249

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: Box AF

Sir:

This is in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed February 19, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 19, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 19/21, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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